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SUBJECT: SAKHAROV VISIT TO EMBASSY

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1. ACADEMICIAN SAKHAROV, ACCCOMPANIED BY STEPDAUGHTER TANYA IVANOVNA SEMENOVNA (DPOB APRIL 24, 1950, LENINGRAD) AND HUSBAND YEFREM VLADIMIROVICH YANKELEVICH (DPOB JUNE 25, KHARKOV) VISITED EMBASSY MORNING OF NOV. 21 TO DISCUSS SOVIET EXIT VISA APPLICATIONS OF YANKELEVICH AND WIFE TO GO TO US AT INVITATION MIT PRESIDENT WIESNER. CONOFF MET OUTSIDE EMBASSY AND ESCORTED PAST MILITIA WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. TRIO MET INFORMALLY WITH CONOFFS IN EMBASSY CONSULAR SECTION AND PROVIDED STANDARD INFO NECESSARY FOR EMBASSY TO MAKE EXIT VISA REPRESENTATION TO MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION. AS PER REF B DCM PLANS TO RAISE MATTER WITH IPPOLITO, HEAD OF MFA CONSULAR ADMINISTRATION.

3. DURING VISIT CONOFF CONVEYED LETTER ON SECRETARY'S BEHALF PER REF B, AND TRIO READ LETTER CAREFULLY AND EXPRESSED THEIR APPRECIATION

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TO SECRETARY AND EMBASSY FOR INTEREST IN THEIR CASE.

4. SEMENOVNA SAID SHE AND HUSBAND MADE ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR EXIT PERMISSION AT MOSCOW OVIR APRIL 6, 1972 PRT 1972, ON BASIS INVITATION FROM WIESNER, AND NEVER RECEIVED REPLY. APPLICATION WAS MADE FOR SEMENOVNA, HER HUSBAND AND THEIR YOUNG SON. COUPLE WAS CALLED YESTERDAY, NOV. 20, TO MOSCOW OVIR WHERE OFFICIAL BUTASOVA INFORMED THEM DECISION RE THEIR EXIT PERMISSION DID NOT LIE WITHIN COMPETENCE OF OVIR AND OFFERED NO HOPE OF EARLY OR FAVORABLE DECISION. BUTASOVA SUGGESTED COMPETENCE MIGHT LIE WITHIN RESPONSIBILITIES MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

5. AS RESULT OVIR MEETING, SAKHAROV CHILDREN PREPARED SECOND LETTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER AND ANOTHER TO DR. WIESNER, AND HAVE TRANSMITTED FORMAL WRITTEN COMPLAINT TO PODGORNY. STEPDAUGHTER ASKED EMBASSY TO FORWARD LETTERS TO WIESNER AND SECRETARY, AND PROVIDED EMBASSY WITH COPY OF COMPLAINT TRANSMITTED TO PODGORNY. EMBASSY POUCHING ALL TO EUR/SOV. BOTH LETTERS ARE STRAIGHTFORWARD PRESENTATION OF FACTS IN CASE.

6. MEETING BETWEEN SAKHAROV, HIS CHILDREN AND CONOFFS PROCEEDED IN FRIENDLY MANNER, AND SAKHAROV MADE NO REQUEST TO MEET AMBASSADOR OR MORE SENIOR EMBASSY OFFICERS.

7. CONOFF ESCORTED VISITORS OUTSIDE AFTER MEETING, AND SAW THEM WALK BEYOND LAST MILITIA POST.
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